

**WELLINGTON GARDEN CLUB
3/2/2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
WELLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER**

WELCOME– Annette Lubsen & Susie Stevenson

A quorum was established

All cell phones silenced

Pledge of Allegiance

Annette Lubsen recognized and honored a special WGC member and former NGC President, Barbara May, attending our meeting today.

Introduction of New Members and Guests - Anne Hlasnicek. Welcomed new member, Maria Antuna, and guests Susan Gellis-Trafny, Mary Anne Kram.

Reminded all new members to get their pictures taken for the WGC Yearbook.

Need new mentors for new members.

Speaker for Today - Carol Lazzarino and Annette Lubsen introduced Dr. Kimberly Moore to speak on the topic "Turn Off Your Sprinklers, Your Plants Aren't That Thirsty".

Meeting Called to Order at 11:15am

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recording Secretary- Minutes of the Membership meeting on February 2, 2026 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report - Danese Sloan-Kendall. Report submitted for 2/1/26-2/27/26. Comment: The majority of our budgeted expenditures occur between March 1st and May 31st. So, the account balance of \$37,335.01 will be reduced by the remaining budgeted expenses of approximately \$20,000 as of 2/27/26.

FFGC Convention & State Flower Show - Maria Wolfe. Held in Kissimmee, FL April 15-18. The State Flower Show is in need of entries for horticulture and floral designs. Come meet members of other garden clubs. Please let Annette Lubsen or Susie Stevenson know if you are planning on attending so that voting delegates can be designated to vote on some very important business.

District X Meeting - Maria Wolfe. Boca Raton Garden Club is hosting on April 23. Need voting delegates for this meeting also. There will be a very informative speaker.

Presidents' Report – Annette Lubsen & Susie Stevenson

Seagrass Restoration - The basket today will be passed for this organization.

Sunset Social - Annette Lubsen. Thanked Debbie Wilson for hosting a wonderful Sunset Social at her home on 2/27/26. The next Sunset Social will be on 3/20/26 at Anne Hlasnicek's home from 4p-6p. Information is in the Yearbook.

Newsletter - Annette Lubsen. A Committee is working on a Newsletter (Allamanda News). It should be coming out the beginning of April.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Around & About - The outing planned to Palm Beach Zoo at Dreher Park, on 3/24/26, will be cancelled as there are not enough members signed up to attend. The next Around & About is Thursday, April 16, at 10am, to South Florida Permaculture Resource Center, in WPB. Information on Page 19 of the Yearbook.

Youth Poster Contest (NGC) – Kathy Siena & Kathy Schneider. Kathy Schneider talked about the youth poster contest for Grades 2-5 where the contestants enter their colored posters of Woodsy Owl (Give a hoot, Don't pollute) and Smoky the Bear (Only you can prevent wildfires.) There is a recognition service at the end of the year where each participant receives a goody bag. This year, two winners from our entrants were sent to the State contest, and this time, a second grader's poster was chosen at the State level.

St. Patrick's Day Trivia - Stormi Bivin. Reminded everyone about the St Patrick's Day Trivia event on March 3, 11:30a - 1p in The District Room at the Mall at Wellington Green. Partnering again with California Pizza Kitchen's "Pizza with a Purpose" where we receive 20% of all food purchased that day using the WGC flyer. Cost of Trivia is \$5 per person.

WGC Garden Tour "Garden Inspirations" - Carol Ralph. A Volunteer meeting is planned here right after this meeting. Lost one garden, so we now have six gardens on the tour. It will still be a lovely garden tour.

Clean up at the Preserve - Annette Lubsen. Thanked John Siena and the students from Palm Beach Central High School in Wellington for their efforts on 2/28. They started at 8:30a and spent several hours weeding and cleaning up the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Preserve on Flying Cow Road. Annette shared photos of John, and several students and teachers who participated.

Adopt-A-Street - Annette Lubsen reported that clean up is scheduled on 3/3/26 at 9:00a at Wellington Dog Park. This effort was postponed last month due to weather.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring Luncheon - Dee Rolfe. WGC Spring Luncheon "A Day at the Oscars" will be at Wellington National Golf Club, on May 4, from 11a to 2:30p. Menu choices are: Baby Green Salad, Pan Seared Salmon, Lemon/Herb Roasted Chicken, or Vegetarian Wild Mushroom Ravioli, and Key LimeTartlet for Dessert. There will not be a cash bar. Price is \$50 per person. No plans yet for 50/50 Raffle.

Encouraged all to dress up as movie stars. Deadline for reservations is April 23.

National Arbor Day - Plant Sale - Annette Lubsen. Friday, April 24 is National Arbor Day, always the last Friday in April. In conjunction with the Village of Wellington, WGC will participate in the celebration on Saturday, 4/25. We will set up tables and have plants for sale. Encouraged members to start propagating plants to donate for sale that day. Need volunteers to work at the plant sale.

Minute for Gardening – Caroline Kessman. Presented information on the importance of Duckweed, a floating fresh water plant that went on the Artemis spaceship to the moon. Duckweed is very nutritious, performs photosynthesis, and water purification (recycle gray water). Does not use soil. Provides sustainability.

New Business - None

Old Business

Tree Planting - Kathy Siena. Today is the last day to add to the list on the table any trees members have planted. The list will be submitted to FFGC in two days.

Unsolicited Landscape Design Award - Stormi Bivin. Deadline is 3/12/26 to submit an entry.

Announcements

Plant Raffle - JoAnn Akins. Today we earned a total of \$169.

Scagrass Restoration - Collected \$67.85 today.

Name Tag Raffle - Joyce Smith. Thanked Dee Rolfe for donating the raffled items at every meeting. Winners today are Claire Valier and Susan Specht.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:58am

Respectfully Submitted

Mariclaire "Mimi" Borowy and Carol Dima

Co-Recording Secretaries



Mariclaire Borowy <mimiborowy@gmail.com>

WGC 3/2/2026 Membership Meeting Minutes - FINAL PDF and Pages versions

1 message

Mariclaire Borowy <mimiborowy@gmail.com>

Sat, Apr 4, 2026 at 11:28 AM

To: Annette Lubsen <alubsen@bellsouth.net>, Susie Stevenson <marysusanstevenson@yahoo.com>

Cc: CAROL DIMA <cdqu@aol.com>, Carol Ralph <caroltaylorralph@gmail.com>

Hi Annette and Susie,

I have attached the subject meeting minutes, incorporating the edits from Carol Ralph, in PDF and Pages format for distribution.

Thank you!

Happy Easter! 🐣

Mimi

2 attachments **MBB - WGC 3:2:26 Member Meeting Minutes FINAL PDF.pdf**

91K

 **MBB - WGC 3:2:26 Member Meeting Minutes FINAL.pages**

300K

Wellington Garden Club
Treasurer's Report - February 1- February 27, 2026

Income between Feb. 1st – Feb. 27th is **\$5,222.99**. It is attributed to:

Membership Renewals:

- Receipt of Membership Renewal 2026/27 Dues (\$722.50)
- Receipt of Zelle Membership Renewal 2026/27 Dues (\$180)

Garden Tour:

- Advance Ticket Sales (\$961.90); since 1/1/26 \$1,717.80 collected
- Advertisement Proceeds (\$600); since 1/1/26 \$1,350 collected
- Sponsors (\$250); since 1/1/26 \$1,850 collected

Other:

- Kings Academy Performance Tickets (\$1912)
- Wekiva Campership Income - Parents' Portion (\$280)
- Floral Design Series Registration Fees (\$125)
- Membership Basket Donations to Coral Restoration Foundation (\$67.60)
- Garden Art Workshop Registration Fee (\$60)
- February Membership Meeting Plant Raffle (\$53)
- PNC Bank Rewards (\$10.99)

Expenses between Feb. 1st – Feb. 27th is **\$5,855.14**. It is attributed to:

- King's Academy Group "Guys & Dolls" Tickets (\$1,689)
- 7 Sponsored Wekiva Campers w 5 Volunteers (\$1,620)
- Floral Design Series Supplies (\$963.86)
- Spring Luncheon Deposit to Wellington National Golf Club (\$500)
- VoW Tea Talk Sponsorship (\$250)
- Member Education Reimbursements (\$237.50)
- Youth Activities & Contests (\$126.58)
- Garden Art Supplies (\$121.90)
- National Garden Week: Purchased Book to be Donated to Wellington Library (\$115)
- FFGC Convention Ad (\$100)
- Hospitality Beverages/Supplies (\$62.35)
- Storage Unit Fee for February 2026 (\$55.95)
- Correspondence & Mailchimp Expenses (\$13)

See the attached Profit & Loss reports: 1) February 2026 (2/1/26-2/27/26) & 2) Fiscal Year to Date (6/1/25-2/28/26) for additional details.

PNC Checking Account Balance (as of 2/27/2026): \$37,335.01

Note: While our checking account balance may appear overfunded, the majority of our budgeted expenditures occur between March 1st and May 31st.

FY25/26 Remaining Budgeted Expenses (as of 2/27/2026): \$20,000

Marianne Forrest
Treasurer

Danese Sloan-Kendall
Asst. Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP REPORT TO THE MEETING:

Date: 3/2/26

1. We would like to introduce guests today and say thanks for joining us. After I call your name, please stand so we can give you our WGC Welcome!

SUSAN GELLIS-TRAFNY

MARY ANNE KRAM

2. I am happy to introduce several new members to our club. When I call your name, please come forward to receive the WGC pin, your yearbook and a small gift. (call everyone up together for Carol to present book and pin; Kimberly will present the gift.) 5298660

Maria Antuna

3. All new members should see our club photographer, Paige, who will take your pic for the yearbook.

4. All new members are reminded that their name tags must be returned before leaving the meeting.

5. Mentors for new members are generally the person who brought them. If not, please see Alison for a mentor assignment.

**For Membership table: Send membership applications and check to Data Mgr. who will record info and forward check to the Treasurer and send info to Yearbook editor.

Other notes:

General Meeting

12

March 2
Dee Rolfe

Spring Luncheon May 4 2026
Wellington National Golf Club
Theme "A Day at the Oscars"

Menu Choices

Baby Green Salad

Pan Seared Salmon

Lemon + Herb Roasted Chicken

Wild Mushroom Ravioli (Veggie)

Key Lime Tartlet for Dessert

Sorry No Cash Bar this year

Cost \$30.00

Bring your check or cash to the monthly meeting
or

Send your checks payable To WGC
To

Dee Rolfe

13542 La Mirada Circle

Wellington, IL 33414

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE is (April 23, 2026)